Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

Will it be possible to take a favourable decision soon?

Second Member of Council.—

All that can be said at this stage is that the matter will be enquired into.

BY MR. L. VEMA REDDI,—(Malur Taluk).

Q.—4. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether they are aware of the fact that most of the tanks of the State that have been restored have since deteriorated ?

(2) Whether G.O. No. 512-21—R.M. 219-6-4, dated 23rd July 1907, relating to the inspection of the tanks is in force? If so, are any registers maintained to note the result of inspection made by officers concerned ?

(3) If the Order has not been in force, is there any other Order of Government bearing on the subject ? If so, has it been strictly followed in practice ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—4. (1) No. Some of the tanks have deteriorated merely because the raiyats failed to maintain them in accordance with the rules.

(2) Yes.

(3) *Vide* answer to (2). Strict orders have recently been issued regarding the maintenance of tank registers and the periodical inspection of all tanks by Amildars and Officers of the Public Works Department.

Attention of the member is also invited to the Mysore Revenue Manual, pages 234-236.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

With reference to answer to (2) are the Government satisfied that registers are properly maintained according to rules to note the result of inspection?

First Member of Council.—

As the rules are not properly observed, strict orders have been since issued to maintain the registers hereafter.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

What guarantee is there that the new orders would be strictly observed?

First Member of Council.—

I might at once explain that the mistake, if any, is not altogether on the side of Government officers. The raiyats also do not carry out their part of the duties prescribed. At the recent meeting of the Deputy Commissioners it has been resolved to open a register for each tank, in which the officers of both the Revenue and Public Works Departments will be required to note the result of their inspection, whenever they visit the villages. This duty will be strictly enforced.

BY MR. BHASKARAPPA,—(Srinivasapur Taluk).

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The number of minor tanks in the State not recieving adequate supply of water even for raising one crop.

(2) The total amount required for restoring these tanks to proper capacity.

(3) The period required for their restoration.

(4) Whether it is possible to undertake the restoration of these tanks entirely at the cost of Government at the outset, eventually recovering the raiyats' contribution in instalments ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—5. (1) and (2) Information not readily available.

(3) Cannot be definitely stated.

(4) This is done as far as possible.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr Bhaskarappa.—

With reference to the answer to (1) and (2) may I know why the information is not readily available?

First Member of Council.—

If it is for a particular period or a particular area, it may be possible to collect the information; but for the whole